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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE - ADDRESS OF UNCTAD SECRETARY-GENERAL
PEREZ-GUERERRO.

FROM USDEL TO FAO CONFERENCE

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1. UNCTAD SYGEN PEREZ-GUERERRO ADDRESSED 17TH FAO CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 20 REGARDING UNCTAD PERCEPTION OF WFC AND UNCTAD PARTICPATION.

2. PEREZ-GUERERRO SAID THAT CONFERENCE WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW INITIATIVES IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT AREAS, BUT SHOULD FOCUS ON A LIMITED NUMBER TOPICS. HE SAID UNCTAD'S VIEW WAS THAT AGENDA SHOULD BE CONFINED TO THREE MAIN AREAS: (1) LONG TERM ADEQUACY OF FOOD SUPPLIES. THIS WOULD INCLUDE EXAMINATION OF PROVISION OF FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND MOBILIZATION OF RESOURCES THROUGH INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED. LDC'S WILL NEED TO FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO DISPOSE OF FOOD SURPLUSES AT REASONABLE PRICES AND WILL NEED ASSURANCE OF ACCESS TO MARKETS. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE REFERRED TO INTENSIVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS TAKING PLACE IN UNCTAD UNDER RESOLUTION 83 AND TO THE MTN AND GATT. HE SAID THAT WFC SHOULD NOT DUPLICATE THESE EFFORTS BUT COULD PROVIDE VALUABLE SUPPORT. (2) FOOD AID. PG STRESSED NEED FOR REORGANIZATION OF PRESENT HAPHAZARD STRUCTURE OF FOOD AID WHICH RESULTS IN UNCERTAINTY OF SUPPLIES. HE SUGGESTED STRENGTHENING OF WFP AS A PRINCIPAL GOAL. (3) SECURITY AGAINST SHORTAGES. VALUABLE EXPERIENCE WILL BE GAINED THROUGH CURRENT FAO PROPOSALS ON MINIMUM FOOD STOCKS, WHICH MIGHT BE EXPANDED.

3. PG SAID THAT FAO SHOULD HAVE A PRINCIPAL ROLE IN ORGANIZATION AND PREPARATION OF WFC, BUT UNCTAD WOULD HAVE CLOSE INTEREST AND DO ALL IT COULD TO ENSURE SUCCESS. ROLE FOR INTERNATIONAL BANKS AND OTHER AGENCIES CONCERNED WOULD ENSURE COMBINED EFFORT BY BOTH INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENTS TO RID THE WORLD OF THE SCOURGE OF HUNGER.

4. COMMENT: PG ADDRESS WAS MODERATE AND APPEARED TO SUGGEST REASONABLE UNCTAD ROLE, IN CONTRAST TO STATEMENTS MANY LDC DELEGATES SUPPORTING ALGIERS DECLARATION. IT SHOULD HELP MODIFY PRESSURE FOR EQUAL ROLE FOR UNCTAD IN WFC. VOLPE

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